(c) and (d) Precise information as asked for is not available.

(e) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present

Seizure of Gold at Madras Airport

52. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Customs officials posted at Madras Airport seized 28 Kgs. of gold from a Singapore national on the 22nd June, 1985; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The seizure of 28 Kgs. of gold from Singapore national referred to in the question was made on 25th May, 1985 and not on 22nd June, 1985.

On 25th May, 1985, the officers of Customs Collectorate, Madras, intercepted a Singapore national Shri R. Raman who had arrived from Singapore by Air India flight No. AI-415. On examination of one of his suitcases, 28 pieces of gold bars with foreign markings weighing 1 kg. each were found concealed among the nine bundles of readymade garments. Gold weighing 28 kgs. valued at Rs. 63.14 lakhs was seized under the Customs Act. Shri Raman was arrested and remanded to judicial custody.

Export of wheat to Pakistan

53. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to export wheat to Pakistan during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) No contract has so far been entered into for export of wheat to Pakistan during the current financial year.

Bank Robberies

54. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was total number of bank robberies in the country during the first quarter of 1985:

(b) what is the number of bank robberies during the corresponding preiod of 1984;

(c) what are the names of the banks where such robberies were committed and the amount involved; and

(d) whether any culprits have been apprehended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The available information is given in the attached statement. [*See* Appendix CXXXV, Annexure No. 3.]

(d) As per available information 41 persons have been apprehended.

55. [*Transferred to the 29th July*, 1985.]

Diamond Trade

56. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the diamond trade is being virtually controlled by International Monopoly Houses; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken by Government to protect the Indian exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The Diamond Trading Company controls substantial part of international mining and marketing of rough diamonds. There is no such trading company for cut and polished diamonds.

(b) There being no trading company controlling substantial part of trade in cut and polished diamonds, exports from India are generally arranged by Indian merchants directly.

Convention of overdrafts of States into Loans

57. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to convert overdrafts of various States into medium-term loans;

(b) if so, what are the details of the decision taken in this regard;

(c) what is the percentage of overdrafts which have been converted into loans and what rate of interest the States will have to pay on the same; and

(d) whether the States have agreed to this arrangement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of India have decided to provide medium term loans equivalent to 90 per cent of the States' overdraft as on 28-1-1985. The States have been advised to clear the balance 10 per cent of the overdraft by 1st October, 1985. The medium term loans would be recovered in the next four years in equal instalments and would carry a rate of interest of 8 per cent.

(d) The decision to provide a medium term loan was arrived at after a series of discussions with State Chief Ministers.

Nationalisation of taken-over Textile Mills in Bombay

58. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to nationalise the 13 taken-over textile mills in Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the names of the textile mills to be so nationalised; and

(c) whether any petitions are pending in the High Court or Supreme Court filed by the Management of these mills challenging the action of Government in taking over the mills; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The Textile Undertakings (Taking Over of Management) Act, 1983 provides for the taking over of the management of the textile undertakings specified in the First Schedule thereof pending Nationalisation of such undertakings. The Textile Undertakings indicated in the First Schedule are as follows:—

1. Elphinstone Spinning and Weaving Mills.
2. Finlay Mills.
3. Gold Mohur Mills.
4. Jam Manufacturing Mills.
5. Kohinoor Mills (No. 1).
6. Kohinoor Mills (No. 2).
7. Kohinoor Mills (No. 3).
8. New City of Bombay Manufacturing Mills.
9. Podar Mills.
10. Podar Mills (Process House).
11. Shree Madhusudan Mills.
12. Shree Sitaram Mills.
13. Tata Mills.

Appeals from the judgements of the High Court of Bombay regarding Elphinstone Spinning and Weaving Mills, New